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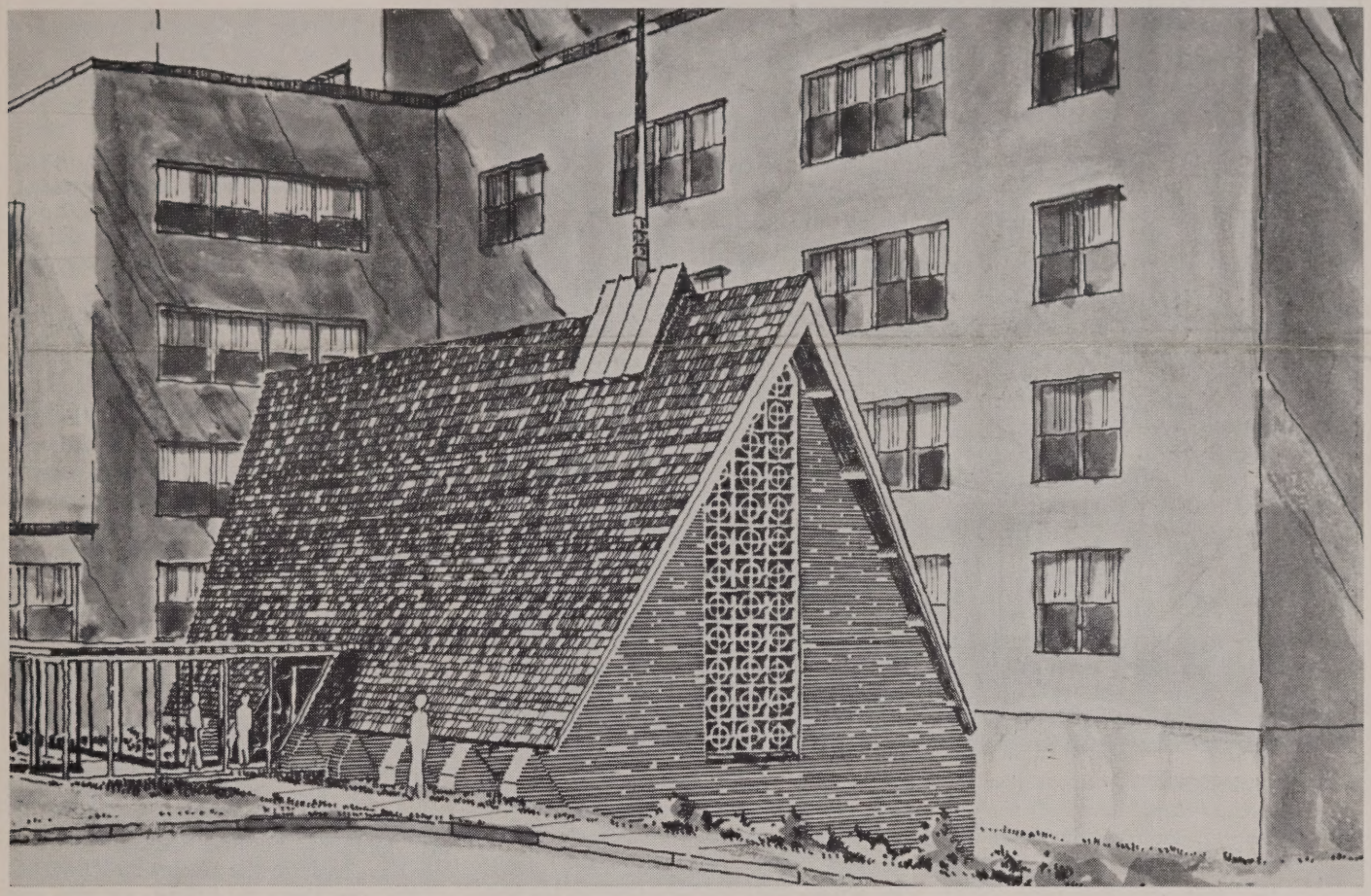

**ARTHUR T. DOOLEY CHAPEL** — Architect's sketch places the Deaconess Chapel, named for its donor, Mr. Arthur T. Dooley, in its location between the Deaconess and Central Buildings. Of contemporary design that borrows from the early churches of Northern Europe, the chapel symbolizes the upward reaching of all religions with its sharply pointed roof, stainless steel steeple and rectangular memorial window facing the Riverway. The exterior will be of brick.

# CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON ARTHUR T. DOOLEY CHAPEL

## Groundbreaking Ceremonies Are Held on September 12 at Chapel Site On The Riverway

At long last a chapel is under construction at the New England Deaconess Hospital.

Ever since the erection of the original Deaconess Building in the "wilds" of The Fenway in 1907, the New England Deaconess Hospital has been adding to its medical facilities in response to demands for expanded services.

In 1913, the School of Nursing moved into a new "modern" building, Harris Hall.

In 1923, the 130-bed Palmer Building made it possible to expand the treatment and care of cancer patients.

In 1935, the George F. Baker Clinic, now the Baker Building, came along to house the rapidly growing activities of Dr. Elliott P. Joslin and his staff of diabetic specialists.

In 1951, the major event of the year was the opening of the Cancer Research Institute, for intensive cancer research, diagnosis and treatment.

With the dedication of the Central Building in 1953, the Deaconess became one of the largest modern medical organizations in New England. It now had 375 beds, 12 centralized operating rooms, central supply, excellent x-ray equipment, modern kitchens and modern administrative quarters.

The hospital had been running to keep up with itself physically for more than 50 years.

All this is why groundbreaking ceremonies for the Arthur T. Dooley Chapel of the New England Deaconess Hospital on Monday afternoon, September 12, meant so much to so many people.

The Arthur T. Dooley Chapel will provide spiritual facilities commensurate with the physical ones of the hospital.

In the chapel, ambulatory patients, anxious friends and relatives of bed patients and nurses and other employees can find the quiet of meditation and

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**GROUNDBREAKING —** Mr. Arthur T. Dooley turns the first shovelful of earth for the Deaconess chapel named for him at groundbreakinng ceremonies on Monday afternoon, Sept. 12. At left is Mr. Lowry, and at right, Bishop Lord.

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prayer which they often seek and need. Here, too, will be an ideal spot for counsel with the chaplain when this is sought.

Some will visit the chapel just to meditate in the beauty and quiet of these appropriate surroundings.

Ground was broken by the generous donor for whom the chapel is named, Arthur T. Dooley. In response to repeated and deep-felt expressions of appreciation from representatives of the hospital, Mr. Dooley said, "I am very grateful for this opportunity and I hope this chapel will bring some peace and comfort to many people in the years to come."

Commented Executive Director Robert D. Lowry, "We have never been able to catch up with the demand for beds and for financial reasons we have been forced to neglect a part of the spiritual side — the construction of a chapel . . .

"So it is on behalf of the patients, the visitors and everyone connected with the New England Deaconess Hospital that I wish to express publicly to Mr. Dooley our heartfelt thanks."

On behalf of the trustees, Bishop John Wesley Lord, president of the corporation, pledged that the Dooley Chapel "will ever enshrine the real purpose of this hospital, 'service to all without regard to race, religion or ability to pay'."

A memorial window facing the Riverway will be in memory of Mr. Dooley's late wife, Mrs. Alice Staples Dooley, for many years an active member of the Malden community in which the Dooley's lived. Mr. Dooley now resides at the Hotel Puritan in Boston. He is an executive of the S. S. Pierce Company.

Others who participated in the groundbreaking exercises were Dr. Warren F. Cook executive consultant; Lester Peabody, chairman of the Building Committee; Miss Thelma Reynolds, representing the General Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Church; Chaplain Rudolph H. Samuelson and the architect, Gustav A. Hagen.

## Friends Hold Annual Meeting, Elect Officers

Mrs. Sheldon E. Wardwell was re-elected president of the Friends of the Deaconess Hospital at the auxiliary's annual meeting held in the Joslin Auditorium on Tuesday afternoon, October 18.

Miss Dorothy E. Seccomb became first vice-president and Mrs. Warren F. Cook, second vice-president. Serving as third vice-president for the 1955-56 year is Mrs. F. Gorham Brigham.

Other officers elected by the group were: Mrs. Lewis M. Hurxthal, recording secretary; Mrs. John McKittrick, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Shields Warren, treasurer, and Mrs. Henry W. Porter, assistant treasurer.

Mrs. Eugene H. Mather, retiring first vice-president, presided at a brief business session in the absence of Mrs. Wardwell.

Dr. Shields Warren, who attended the Geneva "Atoms For Peace" Conference as an official delegate from the United States, gave a report on "Atomic Energy As Seen At Geneva." Miss Margaret T. Applegarth, author of several books intained the auxiliary with an inspiring recounting of her experiences as a writer and prominent churchwoman.

Following the meeting, tea was served in Harris Hall.

## Library Notes

Those who saw Katherine Cornell while she was a patient here will want to read "Me and Kit," a biography by her husband, Guthrie McClintic. It is now available in the library on Palmer 6.

Do you have a hobby, or are you looking for a new interest?

It is probably a little known fact that our Patients' Library, which is also at the service of employees, has many books about a variety of hobbies, and lots of "How to Do It" reading. If you're looking for hobby or do-it-yourself help, here are some of the subjects covered:

Photography, painting, fortune-telling, games and puzzles (and, of course, reading); collecting books, butterflies, antique glass, stamps and wildflowers; cooking, gardening and book-binding; making built-in furniture and home decoration; care of pets; hunting and fishing and music, opera, radio and TV.

A few titles:

*Fortune-Telling for Fun and Popularity; Cooking with a Foreign Flavor; Romance of Stamp Collecting; Book Collecting as a Hobby; Painting as a Pastime (by Winston Churchill); The Music Goes Round and Round; Primer of In-door Gardening; Gunner's Guide; Modern Home Decoration and The Great Audience.*

# 40 NEW STUDENTS WELCOMED TO NEDH SCHOOL OF NURSING

## Opening Tea Held For New Class on Sept. 12

Forty new students were welcomed to the School of Nursing at a tea held in Harris Hall on Monday afternoon, September 12.

The new class — 1958 juniors — includes three young ladies who are following in the footsteps of other members of their families.

Miss Patricia Lundin of Beverly is the sister of Miss Jeannine Lundin, graduate of the school and now a Deaconess assistant head nurse.

Miss Ruth E. Sanborn of Center Ossipee, N. H., is the daughter of Mrs. Rebecca Pitman Sanborn, class of 1930.

Miss Marilyn J. Tobey of Somerville is the daughter of Mrs. Eldora Whitten Tobey, Deaconess special duty nurse.

Welcome, too, to their classmates. They are:

Jean M. Arnold of Worcester; Loretta Ann Bassett of Harwich; Betty Jane Birkemose of Somerville; Susan Bostock of Ridgewood, N. J.; Viann Cataldo of Revere; Jean Chapman of South Portland, Maine; Arlean E. Chirico of Pawtucket, R. I.

Phyllis L. Clark of Scituate; Donna Condon of Quincy; Adelaide M. Emery of Allston; Diane A. Farr of Ocean Park, Maine; Judith Ann Ferrini of Holbrook; Eileen Fiddes of Westerly, R. I.; Eldena Mary Fowke of Skowhegan, Maine; Karen A. Galotti of Braintree; Marjorie L. Henry of Leominster; Elizabeth Ann Hoffman of Marblehead; Eleanor I. Hongisto of Troy, N. H.; Hilary Hyde of Proctor, Vt.; Nancy R. Johnson of Braintree; Joan E. Kelly of West Roxbury.

Carolyn Kenyon of Hopkinton, R. I.; Joan Manning of Waltham; Gertrude Markert of Amherst; Gail Linda Metthe of Haverhill; Nancy H. Morris of West Roxbury; Nancy E. Partridge of Norwood; Carole Patefield of Windsor, Ct.; Joyce I. Provost of Weymouth; Carol Richenburg of Islington.

Lorna R. Schroeder of North Dartmouth; Cleo M. Silver of Cambridge; Janet L. Stover of South Windham, Maine; Elizabeth A. Stukey of Medford; Kathryn L. Thomas of Spindale, N. C.; Nancy J. Turner of Brockton and Charlotte Marie Williams of West Medford.

**IT'S A FAMILY TRADITION** — Miss Mildred B. Newton, director of the School of Nursing, gives a special welcome to three new students whose mothers and sister are graduates of the school. Shown at the tea in Harris Hall on Sept. 12 are (left to right) Miss Newton; Ruth E. Sanborn, Patricia Lundin and Marilyn J. Tobey.

# 500 Attend Two-Day Open House Held At New Overholt Thoracic Clinic Building

Members of the staff and employees of the Overholt Thoracic Clinic were hosts to relatives and friends and their Deaconess Hospital associates at a two-day open house on October 12 and 13.

The new home of the Overholt Clinic at 135 Francis Street, just around the corner from the Deaconess, was inspected by some 500 impressed visitors during the festivities. Over 300 people from the Deaconess enjoyed refreshments and a tour of the building on Thursday, which was Deaconess Hospital Day.

The highly modernistic building has been called the most beautiful office building in Boston, and rightfully so. It is also the most practical. Fireproofed steel columns raise most of the building to the second floor, leaving ample parking space for patients beneath.

Inside, the building is just as impressive. A light blue brick wall extends from the ground floor entrance to the reception and waiting room on the second floor. Then there is a spacious and airy office section and in the rear half of the building, examining rooms and doctors' offices, each decorated according to the taste of the individual doctor.

The clinic was designed for the maximum comfort of its patients, and to provide maximum convenience for its four staff members.

Among the hosts and hostesses were the members of the staff and their wives, Dr. and Mrs. Richard H. Overholt, Dr. and Mrs. Norman J. Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. Francis M. Woods and Dr. and Mrs. Wilford B. Neptune.

The Overholt Clinic has had offices at 1101 Beacon Street since 1938. The clinic moved to its new quarters in June. Now it's official — we extend a hearty welcome to our new neighbor and associate.

## Gift and Flower Shop Now Open Two Nights A Week

The Friends of the Deaconess Flower and Gift Shop in the Central Lobby is now open from 6:00 to 8:00 P. M. on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Mrs. Margery K. Homer, Director of Volunteers, announces that the night openings have been made possible by additional volunteers. The day-time hours of the shop are 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P. M., Monday through Friday.

The Friends hope to have Saturday hours, too, if more volunteers can be enlisted.

The shop has already been stocked with Christmas gifts by Mrs. Charles A. Lamb, chairman of gifts.

A visit to the shop will convince you that it's a gold mine of ideas and modest prices for your Christmas gift list.

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**INTERNATIONAL SET** — The Nursing Service is more than enjoying having in its midst five exchange nurses now working at the Deaconess under the sponsorship of the International Council of Nurses. Shown indulging in an old American custom — a coffee break — in the Coffee Shop are (left to right) Miss Margaret Ladden of Sloane Square, London; Miss Daphne Newell of Jamaica, British West Indies; Miss Dora Sandgaard of Copenhagen, Denmark; and the Misses Marie Breuil and Paula Archambault of Paris, France.

## Giving for Red Feather

The 1955 Red Feather campaign is asking for a total of $7,314 from the staff and employees of the Deaconess Hospital.

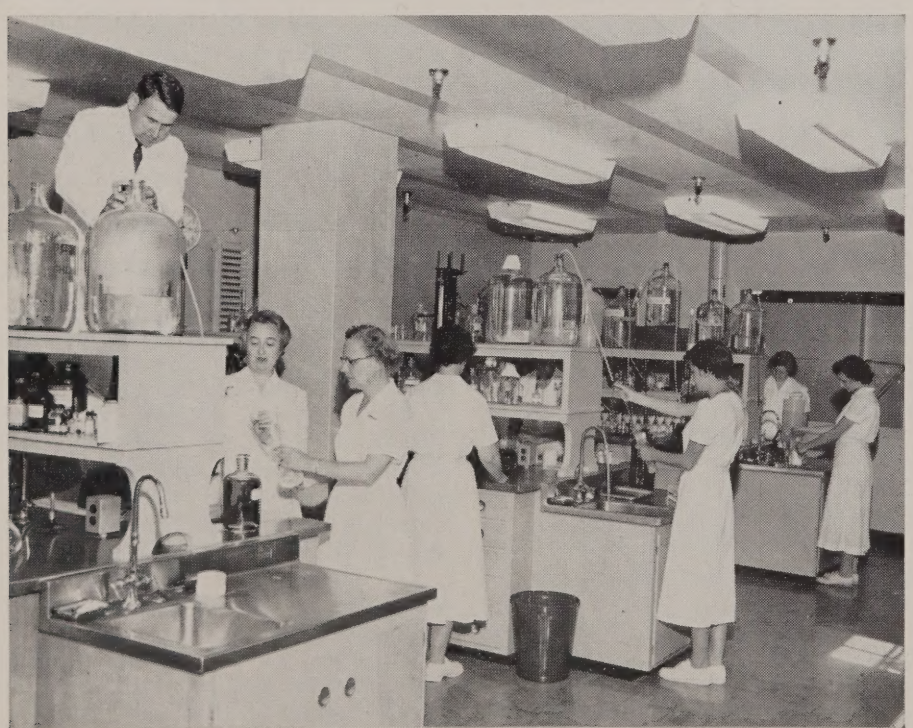
Our quota is $3,068 for employees and $4,246 for staff members. Milton B. Nelson, our credit manager, is chairman of the campaign for employees. Pledge cards will be distributed to all employees.

To make the needed giving painless, the hospital will again have payroll deductions for pledges. The deductions will be made over a 12-week period starting the first of February.

You may make a donation of any amount without using the payroll deduction.

Our campaign manager says, "You know the Red Feather campaign. It's a part of your community responsibility. We want your hospital to be represented in the drive 100 percent."

The drive opened on October 23 and will continue through November 22.



**NEW LABS** in basement and on first floor of the Palmer Building are an achievement for the Deaconess. They were designed by our own personnel. Photo shows Dr. Bradley E. Copeland and technicians in the Chemistry Laboratory

## Bowling Season Begins; You Can Still Sign Up

The bowling season is off to a flying start, with 12 teams instead of 10 this year in the Deaconess Bowling League.

The 1955-56 season opened Thursday night, October 6, with more than 60 bowlers competing for team and individual honors. But you don't have to be good to join the League — it's all for fun.

The number of teams was increased this year to give everyone who wants to a chance to join in the good fun and good exercise. William E. Worcester, assistant director, is chairman of the League.

He reports that there are still a few openings for people who want to bowl but have not yet signed up. Just contact him or a team captain if you are interested. The League bowls every Thursday night.

If you can't make it every week, there are also openings for substitutes.

## Thank You Miss Blanchard!

Anyone who uses the cafeteria telephone can appreciate the value of the new shelf that has appeared under the phone.

It is the idea of Miss Dorothy V. Blanchard, isotope nurse, and for her idea she has won a $5 suggestion award.

# TWO STUDY GROUPS ARE FORMED FOR WORK SIMPLIFICATION

## Employees are Urged To Give Ideas to Members

Why a work Simplification Program at the New England Deaconess Hospital?

The hospital instituted work simplification to help you obtain the maximum amount of job satisfaction. If you are working the easiest and most productive way, you will feel more satisfied at the end of the day. You will be saying, "I accomplished a lot today!"

In the end, this will benefit the entire hospital. It will make our services to our patients even better than they already are.

Some employees have already had some basic training in work simplification. They have met together in small groups to discuss their jobs. They have talked about mutual problems and about bottlenecks that slowed up their performance or made it more difficult for them to accomplish their work. They have tried to find ways to remove these obstacles.

We now have two groups, each consisting of about 10 people chosen from the various departments of the hospital, acting as standing committees on work simplification. These groups meet weekly to tackle the problems of how to make working at the New England Deaconess Hospital simpler.

They want to hear from you about your ideas for simplifying your job.

The group members are:

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| Betsy Cholokas | Business Office |
| Edith Phelps | Cashier's Office |
| Stephen Talman | Central Supply |
| Nan Mondello | Director's Office |
| Hilda Peacock | Housekeeping |
| Rachel Fanning | Nursing School |
| Gloria Puckett | Nursing School |
| Florence Higgins | Nursing Service |
| Marjorie Pond | Nursing Service |
| Lois Preston | Nursing Service |
| Susan Malm | Clinical Pathology Laboratory |
| Frank Bettinelli | Pathology Laboratory |
| Elizabeth Storer | Personnel Office |
| Philip Pacella | Pharmacy |
| Erminie Smith | Pharmacy |
| Priscilla Tinkham | Printing Room |
| Eugene Dwyer | Purchasing |
| Betty Shaw | Purchasing |
| Rose Brooks | Record Room |
| Martha Faulkner | Surgery |
| Marilyn McTeague | Surgery |

All that you need to do is to take a good look at the job you are doing. Ask yourself whether you could not do it more easily, with less walking, with fewer delays. Jot down on a piece of paper any ideas you may have about simplifying your job. Remember — you know your job better than anyone else.

When you have looked at your job; when you have come up with an idea that you think will make your performance easier or better, why not bring your pencilled notes to one of the people mentioned above?

They can bring it up before the whole group and help you to put your idea into effect.

*Heather Stykolt*

# THE CALF PATH

*(Long before the phrase "work simplification" was coined, an unknown author wrote these words. Presumably he meant only to poke a little gentle fun at what he saw as a foolish but all too human foible. Yet in so doing he has given us a very good answer to our question, "Why a Work Simplification Program?")*

One day through the primeval wood
A calf walked home as good calves should;
But made a trail all bent askew,
A crooked trail as calves all do.

Since then three hundred years have fled,
And I infer the calf is dead.
But still he left behind his trail,
And thereby hangs my moral tale.

The trail was taken up next day
By a lone dog that passed that way;
And then a wise bell wether sheep
Pursued the trail o'er vale and steep

And drew the flock behind him, too
As good bellwethers always do.
And from that day, o'er hill and glade,
Through these old woods a path was made.

And many men wound in and out,
And dodged and turned and bent about,
And uttered words of righteous wrath
Because 'twas such a crooked path;

But still they followed . . . do not laugh,
The first migrations of that calf.
This forest path became a lane,
That bent and turned and turned again.

This crooked lane became a road,
Where many a poor horse with his load
Toiled on beneath the burning sun
And traveled some three miles in one.

And thus a century and a half
They trod the footsteps of that calf.
The years passed on in swiftness fleet;
The road became a village street;

And this, before men were aware,
A city's crowded thoroughfare.
And soon the central street was this
Of a renowned metropolis,

And men two centuries and a half
Trod in the footsteps of that calf.
A hundred thousand men were led
By one calf near three centuries dead.

For men are prone to go it blind
Along the calf-paths of the mind
And work away from sun to sun
To do what other men have done.

They follow in the beaten track,
And out and in, and forth and back,
And still their devious course pursue,
To keep the path that others do.

They keep the path a sacred groove
Along which all their lives they move,
But how the wise old wood gods laugh
Who saw the first primeval calf!

## Credit Union To Meet

The Alpha Credit Union will hold its annual meeting for members at 1:45 P. M. on Tuesday, November 15, in the Joslin Auditorium.

This is an important meeting because the program will include election of officers, reports and a declaration of the dividend rate for the six months ending October 31.

# ABOUT THE DEACONESS

William E. Worcester, assistant director of the Deaconess, became a member of the American College of Hospital Administrators at a convocation held in Atlantic City on Sunday, September 18. The ceremonies were in conjunction with the annual convention of the American Hospital Association.

Two Deaconess nurses are on indefinite leaves of absence for special duty at the polio rehabilitation center set up at the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital. They are Doris McEvoy and Judith Mateer. Many other Deaconess nurses volunteered to help staff the emergency center — many more than could be used.

The entire United States exhibit for the "Atoms for Peace" Conference in Geneva will be on display at the Carnegie Endowment For Peace in New York through November 5. This includes the Deaconess exhibit on autoradiography prepared by Dr. David L. Joftes.

The exhibit is now entitled "Man, The Atom and The Future" and includes additional industrial material that did not go to Geneva. The New York address is 46th Street and First Avenue.

Dr. Elliott P. Joslin was received by Pope Pius XII in a special audience at Castel Gandolfo, Italy, the Pope's summer residence, on Sunday, September 25. Dr. Joslin is honorary president of the International Diabetes Federation.

Dr. John L. Tullis of the Cancer Research Institute gave a premiere showing of his slides and colored films of living cancer cells at the September meeting of the hospital trustees.

Here is a list of the organizations that have held meetings at the Deaconess in the last month alone, with members of our administration as hosts or hostesses: Hospital Credit Association of New England; Massachusetts Society of Hospital Pharmacists, Massachusetts Dietetic Association and the Massachusetts chapter of the American Association of Hospital Accountants.

We regret very much to have to report the death of Mr. Edward P. Garbati, Deaconess elevator operator and an employee of the Deaconess since 1949. Mr. Garbati maintained a lively interest in the hospital and had many ideas about how to improve service to patients and visitors. For many years he was a sculpturer and craftsman. He lived at 67 Wilbur Street in Everett. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

Welcome to Miss Patricia Tidmarsh, new student worker in the Social Service Department. Miss Tidmarsh is now at the Boston University School of Social Work after a three year work-study stay in Europe. She was graduated from Smith College in 1948.

Dr. Shields Warren participated in the 24th annual New York Herald Tribune Forum at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York Sunday night, October 16. Dr. Warren and other delegates to the Geneva "Atoms for Peace" conference discussed "The Promise and Problems of Atomic Power."

Correction since last month's story on the Messenger Service: There are now six messengers on duty on Saturday and four on Sunday. The regular Saturday messengers are: Joseph Ong, Jeannette Gormley, Stephen Fraidin and Tom Murdock. The regulars on Sunday are: Joseph Ong and Jeannette Gormley. The Saturday staff had to be increased from five to six on October 1.

Deaconess nurses' aides have elected new officers. They are: Mrs. Rita Prendergast, president; Miss Zenna Milhovan, vice-president; Mrs. Jeannette Miller, secretary-treasurer, and Miss Mary Mahan, program chairman.

## Engagements

Phyllis M. Coggshall, class of '51 to Richard E. Pealer, who is serving with the Navy aboard the USS Harveson.

Barbara Ann Hall, class of '55, to Edmund A. Peratta. They plan to be married in November.

Barbara J. Hesketh, class of '53, to George Theodore Hertrick. The couple plans to be married in December.

Dorothy Reynolds, formerly assistant to the comptroller, to Henry Lusardi of Somerville.

## Bowling Scores
## October 13, 1955

| *Team No.* | | *Points* |
|---|---|---|
| 11 | Mr. Mondello | 18 |
| 3 | Mr. Sabine | 15 |
| 7 | Mr. Lowry | 14 |
| 4 | Mr. Emery | 10 |
| 1 | Miss Pond | 9 |
| 5 | Mr. Osgood | 9 |
| 10 | Mr. Millsaps | 9 |
| 12 | Mr. Adams | 9 |
| 2 | Mr. Nelson | 7 |
| 6 | Mr. Fisher | 7 |
| 8 | Mr. Spalding | 5 |
| *High Singles for October 13* | | |
| Barbara Burnell | | 98 |
| Roscoe Adams | | 116 |
| *High Singles for the Year* | | |
| Elena Palmieri | | 107 |
| Fletcher Osgood | | 128 |
| *High 3-String Total for the Year* | | |
| Nancy Warwick | | 272 |
| R. D. Lowry | | 309 |
| Sam Marotta | | 309 |
| *High Average for the Year* | | |
| Marjorie Pond | | 82 |
| Betty Terkelsen | | 82 |
| R. D. Lowry | | 95 |

## Medical Terminology Course Begins Here

Medical terminology may be Greek to you, but it isn't to Mrs. Rose Brooks, our assistant record librarian, and she is sharing her advantage with the rest of us.

Mrs. Brooks is currently teaching two classes in medical terminology, one for the Deaconess personnel and the other for personnel of other hospitals. A total of 30 persons have enrolled in the two classes, held on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday afternoon from 4 to 5.

The first sessions took place on Tuesday, October 18, and Thursday, October 20. The classes will continue through the week before Christmas.

Mrs. Brooks is more than qualified to conduct the courses. She formerly taught medical terminology at the Massachusetts General Hospital's School for Medical Record Librarians.

She says it's all very simple, like learning the alphabet. She teaches you the roots, prefixes and suffixes and then you can easily decipher words such as "perinephritis" and "lymphadenomatosis."

If you don't believe it — there'll be another course in the spring.

## Weddings

Virginia Fisher, presently taking the Deaconess post-graduate course, to Dr. Charles Hauck, at the Evangelical Congregational Church on September 9.

Janet M. Molander, class of '55, to James A. Bailey, Jr., at the Salem Lutheran Church in Bridgeport on September 24.

Phyllis Barbara Nelson, class of '54, to Karl W. Wood, at the Central Congregational Church in Swampscott on August 26. Mr. Wood returned from service in Korea last spring.

Anne Olsen, class of '55, to Frederick G. E. Wood, at the First Baptist Church, Weymouth Landing, on October 1.

Rena Mae Ross, class of '53, to Orrin Francis Edgar, at the United Baptist Church in Concord, N. H. Mr. Edgar is employed by the telephone company.

Joyce Tower, technician in the Pathology Laboratory, to William Wayne Sterling, at the Wollaston Congregational Church on September 17.

Lois Wanamaker, class of '51, to Robert Wesley Conroy, at the First Baptist Church, Arlington. Mr. Conroy is an attorney.

Nancy Louise Zinck, class of '53, to Eliot Jordan Olsen, Jr., at the Christ Episcopal Church in Quincy on September 17.